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GARAGE FACELIFT

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) recently completed a facelift of its Southeastern Metrobus Division in the District of Columbia. Crews from the Authority's Plant Maintenance Department cleaned floors, replaced windows, painted and scrubbed the facility to make it a better place to work. The Southeastern Division is scheduled to be replaced in the next five years. Marking the completion of the clean-up operation are Metro Manager David L. Gunn (fourth from left), Metrobus operators and mechanics, and WMATA officers LeRoy R. Bailey, Jr. (third from left), George W. Miller (fourth from right), and Fady P. Bassily (second from right).

This year's competition took place on Saturday, December 12, and was followed by a brilliant parade of lighted boats up the channel. But the boaters decorations remain throughout the holidays to celebrate the season. Come out for a stroll some brisk winter evening past the brightly decorated boats and feel the crackling good cheer before disappearing into one of the doorways for a delicious hot buttered rum.

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INAUGURAL HEADQUARTERS AT 3RD AND M ST. S.E.

Building 159 in the Southeast Federal Center at 3rd and M st SE has been turned over by the General Services Administration to the Presidential Inaugural Committee making preparations for President Bill Clinton's inauguration on January 20, 1993. Mailing thousands of invitations to inaugural week events is the first priority. A lucky 60,000 from around the country will be invited to one of the 10 Inaugural Balls scattered around the city, but will have to pay \$125 per person to change the invitation into a ticket.

Other invitation-only events include four inaugural dinners Monday evening January 18 Presidential Gala at the Capital Centre Tuesday evening January 19. The swearing in ceremony on the West side of the Capitol building at noon Wednesday, January 20 will have seating and standing area tickets distributed mostly by Congressional offices.

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SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT LIGHTS UP FOR THE SEASON

One of the special year-round pleasures of being residents of Southwest Washington is our close proximity to its lively waterfront. In the summer, the breezes invite a leisurely, sunny promenade past the rows of sail and motor boats that give our part of town a special ambience.

But in the Winter, especially around the holidays, the lights of the many restaurants beckon invitingly to the warmth and good cheer inside. And the boat owners, many of whom live aboard all Winter, partake of the happy time and decorate their boats with holiday lights. For the fourth year in a row, Waterfront Washington Association has sponsored a competition challenging the boaters to surpass each other in running imaginative holiday light displays up their rigging to delight the eye of the resident and the passer-by.

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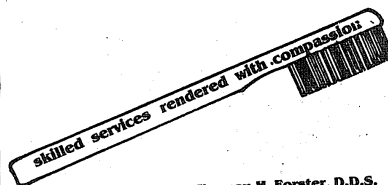
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"The Wiley Branton Community Development Corp. is the kind of organization just getting started that we like to help with operating money," the program director of a multimillion dollar support group told the Branton board of directors on Nov. 18 at a Riverside Church meeting.

Program Director Michael Tierney said, further, that his organization likes to work with community development corporations that are run by boards with broad community representation. Wiley Branton Community Development Corp.'s charter requires that some board members must be spokesmen for Southwest groups such as the Youth Task Force, Ministerial Assn., Southwest Community House, and housing interest groups. The rest of the Branton board is elected by its members. Anyone in the area can be a member just by signing up. There are no dues.

Tierney, who was invited to the meeting by Ron Britt, president of Wiley Branton CDC, spoke on behalf of Local Initiatives Support Corp., which was started some years ago by the Ford Foundation. Tierney, himself, has had extensive experience in community development. He worked in Philadelphia several years for Local Initiatives Support Corp. He told the Branton Board that Philadelphia has 40 CDCs, community development corporations. He was for six years in Gov. Michael Dukakis's administration in Massachusetts. He headed a CDC there. The Local Initiatives Support Corp. (LISC) is helping start new CDCs and projects--housing, business and job development-- in 30 cities.

He told the Branton Board that LISC "has the resources to support the start of housing projects, new businesses, mixed use structures for housing, stores and other commercial units. LISC has worked with CDCs in the H Street, NE, corridor, in Marshall Heights, Anacostia, and other sectors of DC.

LISC recently put \$2 million into the old Whitelaw Hotel, which has been renovated to provide apartments. Whitelaw was a prominent 13th St. NW hotel mainly patronized by blacks for years. It declined into an unoccupied slum until recently refurbished.

LISC helped New York's South Bronx, which was described in news reports last month as an area where people, until recently, were sometimes attacked by wild packs of dogs roaming the area. Many burned out buildings are in the area. Empty apartment houses are often stripped of their plumbing by scavengers selling to junkyards. Landlords burn their apartments to collect insurance when people are too frightened to live in them. In more than a few blocks the biggest business takes place in drug "shooting galleries." LISC has helped revive the area, which now has 8,000 housing units that are clean, in good shape, and lived in.

LISC has put together in DC a Community Development Support Collaboration of banks and charitable foundations, which met Nov. 19 to create a kitty for investing \$1.2 million a year in funding for DC housing and new businesses. Tierney said eight or nine foundations headquartered in DC have agreed to join the collaboration. He invited Branton Board members to the Nov. 19 meeting.

Tierney said that reinvestment legislation requires banks operating in DC to put some of their money into community development. The

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is preparing for its 30th Anniversary Year - 1993. During this special year, the SWNA wants to recognize all community leaders. SW couldn't have made it without these individuals.

On Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 PM, the Mayor will be having a Ward II Budget Meeting at the National Education Association's main auditorium. The building is at 1201 - 16th Street, N.W. Transportation will be provided. Contact Jamie Radack at 939-8750 for information about a ride.

There will not be an SWNA community meeting this December. The January meeting will be announced later on.

February is designated as Black History Month. Save Sunday, February 7th, 1993. That will be the SWNA 9th Annual Black History Celebration. Elinor Holmes Norton, as well as the neighborhood schools, will participate. It will be at St. Matthew's Church.

A word about the SWNA: it is a voluntary, non-partisan association founded in 1963. Its objective is to improve the quality of life for SW residents. This objective is achieved through the educational, social, and economic programs as well as activities for adults and youth. The voting is open to all who live in SW and are over 18. Elections are held every March.

Wiley Branton CDC recently moved its bank account to a Southwest bank with an officer who has directed bank money into developments on H St. NE and other parts of the city.

Wiley Branton CDC President Ron Britt asked Tierney if there was help available for hiring an administrator for the Branton organization. Tierney said that staff and other operational needs are exactly what LISC is willing to support for community groups ready to make the breakthrough from planning into operations for community improvement, whether for housing, job training, or other programs that are judged to have a potential for local economic improvement.

In January, the equity capital collaboration group will publicize its request for proposals from CDCs who need money to improve their organizations and start development projects. He said Branton is the kind of organization expected to apply for one of the grants, which will probably range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year for three years so that they can identify priorities needs in neighborhoods and design projects that hold promise of earning money -- through apartment rents, or through interest on money lent to businesses.

After an income base is built for Wiley Branton CDC, or any other CDC getting a grant, funds will be available for other community needs. Tierney pointed out that Marshall Heights CDC has an antidrug program which is part of an effort to make the neighborhood more attractive to businesses which might want to locate there. Wiley Branton President Ron Britt said the Marshall Heights drug program has attracted \$900,000 from charitable organizations.

Tierney said that LISC does not limit its help to CDCs to building income from developments. It also helps CDCs find source of social services money, both donations, and loans.

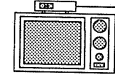
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Volunteers are needed to assist the many senior citizens who request services. Currently the Association is actively recruiting volunteers who will be trained by AARP in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, concentrating on filing requirements and other aspects of tax returns of older persons.

Training classes will begin January 4, 1993. For further information, contact LILLIAN E. ROSS, District Coordinator for Tax-Aid Program for the Elderly, 529-2434.

PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST

THROUGH THE EYES

FIRST DISTRICT POLICE AWARDS BANQUET

The Sixth Annual Metropolitan Police Department, First District, Citizens Advisory Council, Awards Banquet was held on Friday, November 13, 1992. This event recognizes a few of the outstanding police officers and citizens whose dedication to excellence has made our city a better place to live and work. The awards were presented by the commanding officer. The award for Cop's Cop for the year 1991 went to Officer Jonathan Fuller.

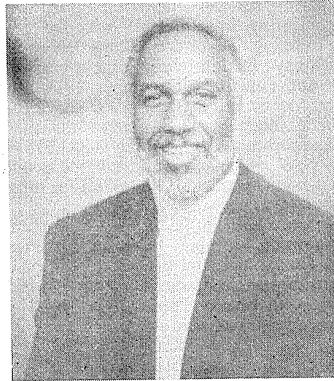
In addition to this top award, the categories of the other awards were Sustained Superior Performance Awards, Outstanding Patrol Sergeant, Outstanding Beat Leader, Outstanding C.E.P. Officers (Community Empowerment Policing), Outstanding Support Sergeant, Outstanding Police Reserve, Outstanding School Crossing Guard and the Commanding Officer's Recognition Award. William B. Sarvis is the Chief of the 1st District.

The mistress of Ceremonies was Ms. Susan Kidd. The chairperson of the Citizen's Advisory Council, Ms. Dee Atwell, introduced the guest speaker. He was the Honorable Harold Brazil, Council of the District of Columbia from Ward 6 which includes Capitol Hill, the Stadium Armory section and a portion of Anacostia. Also in attendance was Jack Evans, Councilmember from Ward 2. It encompasses Southwest, downtown, and Georgetown.

Three who were honored were Irving Gamza, Joyce Stewart and Paul W. Yates. Following are some words about them.

Mr. Irving Gamza is a long time resident of Southwest and a member of the First District Citizens Advisory Council. Mr. Gamza serves on the Cop's Cop Selection Committee and takes a personal interest in ensuring that the best selections are made on timely basis. He is an active member of the Southwest Orange Hat Coalition as well as being active with the Carrollsburg Condominium Association.

Mr. Gamza is very supportive of the First District Officers and Officials. Whenever called upon by the First District Community Services Unit, he is always willing to volunteer his time as well as financial support. He takes a special interest in supporting programs involving young people, especially



Paul W. Yates

the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club.

The cooperative relationship that Mr. Gamza shares with the members of the First District should serve as a model for Community Empowerment Policing (CEP). If a majority of the citizens of the District had the Mr. Gamza's willingness to be involved, CEP would have been implemented city-wide years ago.

Joyce Stewart is a security specialist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) and has been employed by the Federal Government for the past eighteen years. Since 1984, she has served as a part-time residential assistant for the Harambee House for Youth, a group home for girls. Not only did she raise four children, she was appointed legal guardian for a former resident of the Harambee House. The young lady received her G.E.D. and job training in a clerical field.

In November 1991, Ms. Stewart organized a community outreach program in Southwest which was sponsored by the EPA. Thirty-six young people registered for this after school program. The program consisted of Self-Defense classes; Arts and Crafts; painting of Environmental Designs on felt; a photo cover designed for Mother's and Father's Day; cookouts; Black inventors workout; and a Drug and Crime Prevention workshop presented by Lieutenant Medlock, MPD. School supplies were given out to over 100 kids and composition books and pencils were donated to Syphax Elementary School.

She has assisted the Options, Inc.; is a member of the Mayor's Empowerment Offices as well as, EPA's Recycle Office to establish guidelines for a Recycling Program for SW. She has assisted the SW Youth Advisory Task Force. Ms. Stewart also serves as a mentor in SW and as the liaison between EPA and the Community.

Mrs. Stewart has developed an excellent working relationship with members of the First District and this relationship has contributed to her success in working with the community. Ms. Stewart manages the many priorities of her busy life and career with a strong love and the commitment for others.

And lastly, a word about Paul W. Yates, a Business Executive/Entrepreneur. He is involved in the ownership and operation of several businesses including one restaurant, one nightclub, is president of the Hunter Group, a marketing and management company and is president of Dynamic Broadcasting, which owns four radio stations. He is owner and general

manager of Tracks Nightclub, 1st & M St., S.E. Through this ownership, Yates became so involved in the SE Community.

He serves as Vice-Chairman of the Arthur Capper Security Council. He is involved with the South Capitol Improvement Association; a sponsor of the Arthur Capper Orange Hat Coalition; and participates in and sponsors many activities and community organizations in the area adjacent to Tracks.

Mr. Yates has spent many years in various senior management positions with Westinghouse Broadcasting and other radio stations. During his career, he became one of the highest ranking black men in television. He was also president of Sheridan Broadcasting and Mutual Black Network.

He currently resides in Georgetown. But his heart remains in Southwest.

Towards the end of the program, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly spoke to all those gathered at the banquet. Like she did, the *Southwester* salutes all the brave men and women who received awards.

Rick Leggett Embarks On Southern Tour

The *Southwester's* editor, Rick Leggett, is on a business tour of Southern higher educational institutions, leaving this issue of the *Southwester* to a volunteer group which has assembled the news.

Please submit corrections, if any, to the main desk of the Southwest Branch Library on Wesley Place at K St. The staff will see that it gets to the *Southwester*.

Also, all community news articles that you want to submit to the *Southwester* for consideration, should be placed at this same spot.

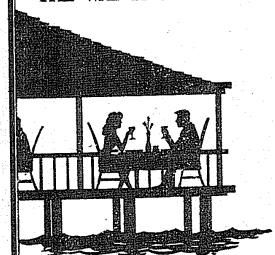


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DAVON CARTER LEADS WILSON JV TO 43-40 VICTORY OVER SIDWELL FRIENDS

Wilson High Junior Varsity's point guard Davon Carter led the Tigers to a 43 to 40 victory over Sidwell Friends IV in the season opener Friday at Wilson.

Carter, a junior and captain of the team, was leading scorer with 16 points. His leadership was shown on defense, in rebounds and in his excellent passing skills.

Sidwell Friends was ahead at half-time 27-24.

Carter, a lifetime resident of Southwest, is well known locally for his athletic skills. In recent years at Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club No. 4 he was outstanding in football and basketball. At Jefferson Jr. High he was guard of the varsity basketball team.

Wilson's JV team is all new, made up of sophomores and juniors. Coaches are Cornell Jones and George Arlotto.



Davon Carter, Wilson H.S.
Junior Varsity's point guard



Bowen Elementary School make a difference day

VINCENT MATTHEWS IS HOMECOMING KING

The senior class at Woodrow Wilson High School elected Vincent Matthews of K Street, S.W., the school's 1992 Homecoming King.

Wearing a crown and carrying a scepter, Matthews rode at the head of the Homecoming Parade and was introduced in half-time ceremonies.

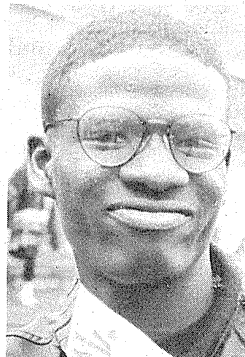
Also featured among the "royalty" was Marvin Austin, elected as "Mr. Wilson."

About 100 students from Southwest attend Wilson High, at Nebraska Avenue and Chesapeake Street, N.W., near the Tenleytown Metro station.

Both youths have been complimented for joining volunteers at the school on a Saturday morning this fall to plant ground cover on the barren dirt areas on Wilson school grounds.



Vincent Matthews, Wilson High School
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Marvin Austin, Wilson High School Senior,
elected "Mr. Wilson" at Homecoming

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Jan. 13 Annual Meeting Date Set for Wiley Branton CDC

An election of directors of the board of Wiley Branton Community Development Corp. has been set at a Southwest meeting place yet to be chosen, scheduled for Jan. 13 at the annual meeting of the organization.

Going off the board unless re-elected are Nathaniel Polster, Dana Winner, and John W. Brown. Members of the board whose terms continue from an election a year ago are Ronson W. Britt, president; David S. Brewer, vice president; Alphonso Coles, treasurer; Donald S. Macdonald, secretary; and directors Walter H. Brooks, Wallace N. Darius, and Phyllis Martin.

Also continuing on the board by reason of their appointment from SW/SE community organizations are Father Norman Haddad, representing the Southwest Ministerial Council; Bobbie McMahan, representing Southwest Public Housing Coalition; Gottlieb L. Simon, of the Southwest Community House; and Ethel J. Williams, of Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

The election is one part of the Wiley Branton Community Development Corp.'s annual meeting. Any resident of Southwest DC or nearby Southeast DC is eligible to vote in the election if he or she has signed up as a member. No dues are required. Any resident not a member becomes eligible to vote by signing up at the Jan. 13 meeting.

Southwest/Near Southeast includes all the area within the jurisdiction of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-D. The boundaries of that area are the Southwest Freeway and the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. If you live in that area, and sign up to be a Wiley Branton member at no charge, you are eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

Another part of the annual meeting will be a review of the CDC's activities during 1991. After that will be a discussion of coming work, including suggestions from persons attending the meeting that evening.

David Brewer heads a Wiley Branton By-Laws Committee, which will present to the meeting any proposals to change the by-laws. Mail reaches Brewer at 1100 Sixth St. SW, DC 20024; or he can be telephoned at 488-3505. Questions about the by-laws can be answered by Secretary Donald Macdonald whose telephone is 554-0524.

Because many people who have lived long in DC, as well as newcomers, are unfamiliar with the fact that there are upwards of a dozen community development corporations in the city, and that they have addressed housing, jobs, training, new businesses, and other development matters. The functions of these organizations will be discussed at the meeting.

To that will be added a movie on how CDCs have operated in other parts of the country. It is also anticipated that a representative of a local bank who has worked with District of Columbia CDCs will talk to the meeting and take questions from the audience.

The meeting gives all SW/Near SE residents a chance to plan coming CDC actions. Some of those might be supported by funds related to the sale of city land, so interest in the work should be widespread.

The annual meeting was scheduled for Nov. 18, but was moved to Jan. 13 to allow for the full notice to the public required in the by-laws, and to allow residents to contact Brewer if they have any suggestions for changing the by-laws.

SOUTHWEST LIBRARY

Library is sponsoring a Mitten Tree for Christmas for the youth of the community and any and all donations for the tree will be appreciated. (A mitten tree is a Christmas tree decorated with donated mittens. Around December 25, 1992, these mittens will be distributed to needy children).

12/19/92 - African Beginnings of Humankind, presented by Carter Ward.

1/16/92 - Black Family Day - 3rd Annual event.

1/6/93 - Black presence in African lands and the Holy Bible, presented by Mr. Daude O. Malikautts.

2/6/93 - Egyptian and American Education, presented by Debbie Carter.

At its November 9, 1992 meeting ANC 2D:

1. Heard Robert Weaver, Coordinator of Neighborhood Service Center #5, explain the work of the Mayor's Empowerment Program/Neighborhood Service Centers. Weaver's presentation was the third in the on-going series of program reviews of District government services being conducted by the Commission.
2. Endorsed the proposal of Col. Brian P. Cooper, commander of Ft. McNair, for a package liquor store at the fort.
3. Voted to testify before the DC Council in opposition to closing an alley in the (northside of) unit block of M Street SE.
4. Approved the FY92 Annual Report.
5. Reviewed the biennial process for amending the city's comprehensive plan.
6. Voted not to oppose reissuing ABC licenses to the following restaurants and clubs: Phillips, Market Inn, Skyline Inn, L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, Capitol Yacht Club, Black Ride III, Gangplank, Jenny's, El Torito, and Pier 7.
7. Voted to contribute \$25 to Options, Inc. as it has done in prior years.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the ANC will be 7:30 pm at 1105 New Jersey Avenue SE (St. Matthew's Baptist Church). This will be the Commission's final meeting in Southeast; effective January 1, the Southeast portion of ANC 2D will become a part of ANC 6B. The agenda, which is subject to last minute changes, now tentatively includes: the ANC's FY93 Budget, program plans for 1993, ANC participation in citywide boards & commissions, HR-5870 ("DC Land Use Notification Act of 1992"), and discussion of the Office of Planning's report on Vision 2020.

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Options Cooperative Ventures Inc., also known as Options, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization headed by Executive Director Henry E. Moore, and Program Director, Dr. Barbara Colbert. Options, Inc. also consists of a Board of Directors who are responsible for the administrative and fundraising policies of the organization.

In their ninth year of service to the community, Options, Inc. is located at 124 "P" Street, Southwest. They were formed in conjunction with B.C. & Associates, which is a mentally disabled residential group home, along with residents of the Southwest community and many concerned citizens.

Options, Inc. provides effective employment services to the socially and economically disadvantaged residents of the community. Such individuals are the handicapped, substance abusers, welfare recipients, Viet Nam veterans ex-offenders, as well as others with personal growth needs. Options, Inc.'s main function and purpose are to provide a wide variety of vocational and community base services to people.

Options, Inc. is a member agency of the United Black Fund, Inc. (UBF). The UBF has many services and programs that are available to the community and they are a co-venture of United Way.

Some services and programs Options Inc. provide are career awareness, job placement, family and individual counseling, emergency food, clothing and shelter, and life skills, just to name a few. In the past Options Inc. has had speakers come in and talk about such subjects as HIV education and energy conservation. Executive Director Moore says: "Some of our guest speakers are also residents of the Southwest community."

Options, Inc. is dedicated to uphold the public trust through delivery of quality programs designed for the community. On example of a program Moore says he is very pleased with and proud of is coming up very soon. It's Options Inc. ninth annual Pre Christmas Dinner. The dinner is being coordinated by Eddie Miles and will be held at St. Matthew's Church on December 17th. It is for senior citizens only and is a joint venture of Options, Inc. and the Mayor's Committee to Promote D.C. In the past, Councilman Jac Evans, Council Chairman John Wilson, and Calvin Rolark, the president of the United Black Fund, have helped in serving the 300 and more senior citizens at the dinner.

Options, Inc. is a very positive organization that is available to all who want to take advantage of it. Options, Inc.'s philosophy is that they believe all individuals have the right and the ability to choose the option that will result in developing self-sufficiency.



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RELIGION

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

by Virginia Devine

Many of us prize our Southwest neighborhood most of all for its diversity. We are uncomfortable, even depressed, when we think of a monotone community where the citizens appear to be very much alike in income, race and religion.

In severing ties with the Southern Baptist Convention in August of this year, the new pastor of the Riverside Church at Seventh and Maine Avenue, with the backing of his congregation, took a firm stand in favor of diversity. Reverend Michael Bledsoe said, "Riverside Baptist Church is inclusive. We draw the circle of redemption as large as we can. We do not believe we are a white church, a black church, a male church, a female church, a heterosexual church or a homosexual church." The split came at a time when the SBC was moving toward revising its constitution to exclude all congregations that "affirm, approve or endorse homosexual behavior." Pastor Bledsoe went on to say, "How is it that our generation has been graced to see the Iron Curtain collapse and people around the globe demand their freedom, but within this Baptist convention we have witnessed the brutal separation of people along lines of gender, race and orientation?"

Taking the (sometime unpopular) positions that he does on civil rights, empowerment of women and gay rights, Pastor Bledsoe (he likes to be called Pastor or Mike rather than Reverend) fits into our community like a hand in a glove.

With the help of his congregation of about 125 (of whom about 60 percent are African-American), the pastor is working at present to rehabilitate the church building. The sanctuary renovation seems to be nearly complete. But much remains to be done on the areas used for study, choral rehearsals, meetings, nurser/preschool, and the Tutoring Night Together program. Riverside built the church at Seventh and Maine Avenue at the time of the 1960's Southwest renewal; the original church was torn down to make way for the Department of Transportation building. We all know something about the deterioration that can take place in 25 or 30 years.

Pastor Bledsoe is bubbling with ideas about what he would like to do to forge connections with the Southwest community. He has thoughts about a drama club for young people (possibly in connection with Arena Stage), and visual and performing arts competitions (with liturgical implications) for children. He is already busy involving local businesses in some of his projects. But currently the main focus is on the Tutoring Night Together program. About a dozen "children at risk" meet on Monday evenings to receive befriending and help with their school work from volunteers headed by Lottie Smith. While the program has been very successful, it should and could be expanded, in Pastor Bledsoe's opinion, to four or

PARISH RENEWAL at ST. DOMINIC'S

You are invited to experience a renewal you'll never forget!! Given by Father Val LaFrance, O.P. He is currently head of the Preaching Secretariat of the Dominican Order. He preaches from Maine to Florida and as far West as Ohio. Fr. LaFrance's 20-year career in drama has trained him to stand before large crowds and hold their attention for hours.

The time and subjects of his talks will be: Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 pm "Oh God, Why Me?", Monday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm "Whose Conscience is it anyway?", Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 pm "Alcoholism - a family and terminal disease", and Wednesday, Dec. 9 "We're half circles longing to be closed." He will preach after the 12:10 noon Mass on the 7th, 8th, and 9th.

five evenings a week. More volunteers are very much needed; anyone wishing to help out with this worthwhile work should call 554-4330.

In addition, Riverside lends its space to an AA group, a Survivors of Incest group, a gay support group (meets Sunday evenings), and the Capitol Hill Choral Society for its rehearsals. Betty Buchanan, as the music director of the 60-voice Society and of the church choir, has arranged an evening of holiday music at Riverside by the Society for December 5th, and, in conjunction with the Jefferson Junior High School Chorus, an "America Sings" concert in February 1993 (exact date to be announced).

Reverend Bledsoe comes here from Columbus, Ohio, where he was the pastor of the First Baptist Church for three years. Prior to that, he spent eight and a half years in Louisville, Kentucky, studying for his Master of Divinity degree and his PhD. As he points out, he got his degrees the hard way; he earned them. While there, he twice won the Seminary Award for Excellence of Proclamation. One of his sermons has since been included in "Best Sermons," a selection chosen by international competition and published by Harper & Row. He believes strongly in thoughtful and well-crafted sermons.



Rev. Bledsoe

One of the members of the Riverside congregation, Kevin Knobloch, the legislative director of the Union of Concerned Scientists, writes, "I am part of Riverside because it is an inclusive church community-- in action and not simply words. I know when I worship here I will be among a diverse group of people who celebrate differences and insist upon hard questions rather than easy answers. It's a place to grow in faith and intellect."

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INSTALLATION AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S

On Sunday, December 3, 1992, Reverend John Thayer Talbott was installed as the rector of St. Augustine's Church. The Suffragan Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd. Jane Hart Holmes Dixon of the Diocese of Washington officiated. It was a lovely service, full of pageantry and warmth. It will be reported on in greater detail in the January issue of the *Southwester*.

LESBIAN AND GAY CHORUS IS "PUTTING IT TOGETHER"

The Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington, DC (LGCW) is "Putting it Together!" -- a concert of music featuring songs of hope and celebration. "Putting it Together" will be presented Friday, January 22, 1993 and Saturday, January 23, 1993 at Christ United Methodist Church, 4th and I Streets, SW, at 8 PM. Tickets are on sale at Lammam Women's Books and More and at Lambda Rising. They are also available from individual chorus members or by calling 202-546-1549. The performances will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

LGCW music director Regina Carlow commented, "our theme is intentional in several ways. First, our chorus, now in its ninth year, is going through a period of change and growth. Second, when we picked our theme, we were anticipating celebrating a new administration and the optimism it would bring to the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual community."

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D.C. RESIDENTS' INPUT SOLICITED FOR BUZZARD POINT DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly announced that her administration is seeking District of Columbia residents' participation in providing input on evolving future development and rezoning plans for the Buzzard Point/Near Southeast area.

"The Office of Planning launched our Vision 2020 Program for Buzzard Point this year and we want to work with District residents to lay a sound foundation for full residential and commercial development of the area," said Mayor Kelly.

Buzzard Point extends north of the Anacostia River to M Street, S.W. and the Southeast Freeway. Development of the site, which is expected to occur over 20-30 years, is included in the District's Comprehensive Plan. The Office of Planning is accepting recommendations from District residents on changes to any elements of the Comprehensive Plan up until December 31, 1992.

"Our report describes existing area conditions, responds to questions and suggestions from Buzzard Point stakeholders and outlines proposed policies that will serve as a basis for planning implementation," said Office of Planning Director Albert Dobbins.

INAUGURAL

PUBLIC EVENTS

The Inaugural Parade down Pennsylvania Avenue Wednesday afternoon can be watched free from the sidewalk, but crowds are always ten deep or more.

Eight open and free public events are planned including some on the Mall Sunday January 17 which will include a concert and fireworks.

OFFICIAL SOUVENIRS

A store has been opened at 1744 L St NW to sell commemorative items to the public, such as official 1993 Presidential Inaugural license plates, official bronze medallion (\$35), sterling silver saxophone lapel pin (\$35), the 1993 Inaugural cuff links and tie bar set (\$25), umbrella (\$38), scarf (\$20), photo frame (\$58), necktie (\$45), letter opener (\$44), paperweight (\$36), signature pen (\$48), various boxes, etc.

Commemorative items can be purchased also by calling 1-800-262-222, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and using you Master Card, Visa, or American Express card. Delivery in four to six weeks.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Southeastern University, 501 I Street, S.W., invites everyone in the community to an International Holiday Celebration. It will be held on Tuesday, December 15th, 1992, from 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM. There will be food, fun, and dancing. Councilman Jack Evans will be at the festivities. Take a look around Southeastern.

A donation of one tree ornament (for their international tree) is requested. Over 100 nationalities are represented at Southeastern. Be assured, the tree will have some interesting decorations.

At this festive time of year, let's not forget the needy in the area. Everyone is asked to bring one can of non-perishable food. Cash donations should be contributed to the Southeastern Scholarship Fund. One ornament, one can or one cash donation = lots of fun. The tree will be in place throughout the holidays for all to enjoy. Please come and feast at an International Holiday Celebration.

Southwester Locates Free Money Source

An experienced grant application writer is needed by the *Southwester*, which has acquired the book that lists charitable foundations in the District of Columbia, and which concentrate their charity on the District.

Dozens of sources of grants are listed in the book, along with the foundations' recent pattern of giving.

Several of the foundations are specifically interested in fostering news media improvement, freedom of the press, and providing outlets for comment by people in the community.

The money is there for the asking, but the asking must be clever, written by someone familiar with the process who knows how to state the honest facts attractively.

The *Southwester* hopes to improve its ability to provide a voice for this neighborhood. It is clear that many interesting events affecting Southwest lives and living conditions are reported minimally in the available media.

OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In addition to the Grant Application writer, the *Southwester* has a great need for different kinds of helpers. Computer typists are needed to type the articles that people submit onto a computer disc, using WordPerfect 5.1. After this data entry is completed, someone else at the paper takes the disc and formats the story into the correct column width and print size required for publication. So, if you can use a computer, are a fast typist, and have the time to type 3 or 4 stories, call and volunteer your time.

To speed distribution, we need distribution volunteers. These people should be willing to distribute in their neighborhoods. Anyone with some free time is needed for this. We hope that with more people working on delivery, the time between laying the paper out and the time that it arrives at your door will be shortened.

If you'd like to help type or distribute, call Carole Early at 488-3355. The *Southwester* needs all kinds of volunteers to continue. If you want to help but don't have the time, how about placing an add (call Dana Winner at 488-8954) or making a donation (it is tax deductible). Send all checks to the *Southwester*, P.O.B. 70131.

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